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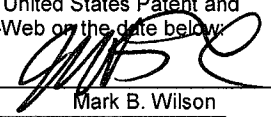
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For: METHOD FOR PREPARING 1,3-
PROPANEDIOL BY A RECOMBINANT
MICRO-ORGANISM IN THE ABSENCE
OF COENZYME B12 OR ONE OF ITS
PRECURSORS

Group Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: Fronda, Christian L.

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<p align="center">CERTIFICATE OF ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION 37 C.F.R. § 1.8</p> <p>I hereby certify that this correspondence is being electronically filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office via EFS-Web on the date below:</p> <p><u>February 19, 2007</u> Date</p> <p> Mark B. Wilson</p>
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**I. AMENDMENT; II. RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED
NOVEMBER 1, 2006**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.116, Applicants herein submit this Amendment in response to the final Office Action dated November 1, 2006, (the "Action"), for which the three-month date for response was February 1, 2007. A request for a one-month extension of time to respond is being filed currently herewith. This one-month extension will bring the due date to March 1, 2007. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct the required extension fee and

any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Fulbright & Jaworski Account
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Amendment to the Claims begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.